

*Lady Charlotte.* There was a king of Crete, named Minos. The Athenians having killed his son, he declared war against them, obtained a victory, and condemned the Athenians to give him every nine years, seven boys and seven girls, to be devoured by the Minotaur. This Minotaur was a monster, half a man, and half a bull; and lived in a house which was called a Labyrinth. This house was built in such a manner, that no person, when they were once got in, could find their way out again without a guide, for it had a thousand turnings and windings. So the poor Athenians which were shut up there, if they could have escaped being devoured by the monster, would have died with hunger. The son of the king of Athens, whose name was Theseus, resolved to go into Crete with the young men that were sent there, in order to kill the Minotaur. When he was arrived in this country, the daughter of Minos, whose name was Ariadne, became enamoured

moured with him; and he promised, if she would save his life, he would in return take her into his own country and marry her. Upon which Ariadne gave him a clue of thread, bidding him tie one end of it to the door of the Labyrinth, while he held the rest of it in his hand, and unwound it as he went forward. He followed her directions, met the Minotaur, killed him, and, guided by the faithful clue, found his way back to the door, and came safe out. By this means the Athenians were delivered from the oppressive tribute which they were laid under, of sending so many of their young people to be devoured by that ravenous monster. Now, when Theseus set out on his return to Athens, Ariadne accompanied him, but he soon despised her, my dears, (for that is the natural consequence of a young lady's going off with a man in such a manner.) They landed on an island; where, one morning, while she was fast asleep, he got up, went